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UTAH STATE NEWS

The linemen in the employ of the Bell Telephone company at Provo are on a strike.

Surveyors have commenced work running lines of survey for electric light poles through Davis county.

A. B. Radcliffe, a Salt Lake barber who was found guilty of plying his vocation without a license, was fined \$35.

While tearing down a building in Salt Lake, Blanchard Goniss was struck by falling timbers and seriously injured.

From Springville comes the report that there are five candidates in the field for the Springville postmaster-ship, left vacant by the death of H. M. Dougall.

Tim Farino, an Italian employed in the Sacramento mine at Mercur, fell a distance of thirty feet while at work in the mine, sustaining injuries which may prove fatal.

Mrs. J. Johnson of Salt Lake City was struck by a San Pedro train while attempting to cross the track, receiving injuries that resulted in the loss of her right limb.

The body of an unknown man with a bullet hole in his forehead was found in Jordan river in Salt Lake City. It is supposed the man suicided. There is no clue as to his identity.

The Independent Telephone company has been granted a franchise to construct a line of poles from Provo to Olmsted, subject to the direction of the county commissioners.

The towns of Moroni, Spring City, Chester, Fountain Green and Mount Pleasant have just purchased a coal mine, paying \$20,000 for the property, in order to protect themselves in the price of coal.

W. T. Ridgley, president of the Ridgley Calendar company of Great Falls, Mont., was in Salt Lake last week investigating conditions here preparatory to moving his plant to the capital city.

The city council of Sandy has granted a franchise to the Utah Light & Power company for twenty-five years to string wires and erect electric light poles. The franchise was granted by a unanimous vote.

Dayton Fernstermaker, the boy who escaped from the State Industrial school three weeks ago, was captured by the sheriff of Salt Lake county, near Murray last week, and brought back to the school.

There is said to be a probability that Layton people will make a move in the direction of town government, if a matter now pending before the county commissioners is not adjusted to suit the Layton business men.

Daisy Wonnacott, aged 13, was shot in the face by a playmate in Salt Lake while the children were playing robbers, using a pistol which was supposed to be not loaded. The wound, while a painful one, is not dangerous.

At a meeting in Ogden of thirty Utah and Nevada flockmasters it was decided to bring suit against State Sheep Inspector Noble of Idaho in the event of his forcibly preventing the crossing of the Idaho line by the sheep now on the Nevada range.

In the neighborhood of 500 buildings are being erected at the new smelter town of Garfield by the Garfield Improvement company. These buildings include boarding houses, lodging houses, stores, warehouses and other classes of structures.

An old vendetta broke out again last week in Salt Lake City when Michael Angello, an Italian, was stabbed, probably fatally, with a dirk knife in the hands of George D. Giovanni, another Italian, who lives in the rear of Angello's house.

William Parr, a young man who formerly resided in Salt Lake City, attempted suicide in Los Angeles, cutting his wrists with a nail file, but is now out of danger. He had quarreled with a chorus girl with whom he had become infatuated.

The report for the month of February of the State Board of Health shows the total number of deaths in the state during the month was 241, of which 55 were from contagious diseases. Fifty-six localities were reported free from contagious diseases.

Horrors of Colorado Railroad Disaster and Map Showing Where Accident Happened



An operator, S. F. Lively, who had worked for seventy-two consecutive hours without rest is responsible for the wreck on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad, twenty-five miles west of Pueblo, Colo., at 2:20 o'clock on the morning of March 16, in which twenty-two of the passengers were crushed or burned to death.



VINES MAKE PORCH A BOWER.

Easy to Have Veranda a Cool and Beautiful Retreat.

Every possessor of a house with a porch, whether in city, suburb or country, should realize the opportunity he has, with the help of nature, to make it a delicious and beautiful, cool, green, shady retreat in summer. In winter it matters little what it is. Vines will transform any porch into a bower.

In the woods many wild vines may be found. There are the Dutchman's pipe, the wild grape, the moon seed vine, the trumpet vine and others. The wild grape vine is especially useful and easily obtained. Its luxuriant foliage, rapid growth and delightful fragrance make it useful for summer houses and similar structures.

The milk vine is very fine, with dark green, luxuriant foliage of neat habit. It belongs to the milk weed family of plants and derives its name from the silky contents of its seed pods. It is excellent for the veranda and is used to cover many famous old ruins.

A number of the clematises are well worthy of a place on the most beautiful verandas, especially the flowering varieties such as Clematis Jackmanni, which has purple flowers, and Clematis Henryi, which has neat white flowers, both producing a mass of rich color when in bloom.

Pleasant Life on Mars.

Those weary of the world might find it pleasanter on Mars. Camille Flammarion details many advantages in favor of Martians. They at least can always tell with almost absolute certainty what sort of weather is to be their portion no less than two weeks in advance. Besides this they themselves are extremely clever and might furnish amusement for the blasé of earth. They are supposed to be several millions of years ahead of the earth dwellers, an intellectual race far superior to our own, as astronomical observations increasingly tend to indicate. They are also in a better position than we to free themselves from the heaviness of matter, since they weigh less. Their years are twice as long as those on earth. And their climatic conditions are always more agreeable than ours.

Easy Farming in Panama.

In speaking of Panama, Dillwyn M. Hazlett writes: "Any one who is willing to work can get rich in the republic of Panama. It costs 10 cents a bunch to raise bananas and there is always a sale for them at 30 cents a bunch. Three crops of corn can be raised a year, and no cultivation is required. A man walks along and drops the corn in the foot prints he makes and a native follows and covers the corn with his big toe. That is all there is to do until it is time to gather it."

NEWSPAPERS AND THE PUBLIC.

Journals an Integral Part of the Economic Conditions.

Newspapers grow better in their character and their influence. This fact may lately have been obscured by the amount of criticism, most of it just, that has been passed upon certain evils in the press. Papers are proper subjects of criticism, like gas companies, insurance companies, politics, or oil trusts, and we have been among those to be as frank about our own profession as about any other. The truth remains that the American newspapers to-day have more power and use for better ends than at any previous time. The permanence and reality of this gain depend on us. The newspapers influence us, and we also influence them. They are the very air which every day we take into our systems, but also they are a product of ourselves. They will grow better if we grow better. Money will tempt them less if it becomes less of a power with all of us. Success will be less exclusively their standard if we all are guided by a brighter star. We are trying to make political standards nobler. We are trying to remove corruption from the great business enterprise that effect the welfare of us all. At present the wave of exposure seems to accompany a genuine moral uplift. If it is real, if the whole tone of our society is being raised, then this belief in better newspapers will be justified. If there is no genuine improvement in our hearts, if the outbreak of exposure is only an epidemic, then, of course, this apparent step forward of the press will prove illusive also. We are glad to be among those who believe in its reality.—Collier's Weekly.

ADDRESSED THEM IN ENGLISH.

How Congressman Bede Won Over Scandinavian Audience.

Congressman Bede of Minnesota still looks back with horror to an experience he had with a Scandinavian audience in his state last campaign. It was up in the pine woods and the other orator of the evening was a stalwart Norseman who was to speak in his native tongue. This man failed to arrive and the committeeman asked Bede: "Do you speak Norwegian still?" Bede unthinkingly replied in the affirmative, though he knew only a few phrases. When he faced the audience of about 200 big blue-eyed chaps of the Ole and Nels class he determined to get out of the difficulty as best he could, so he said: "As many of you as cannot understand English stand up." All were ashamed to make such an acknowledgment and not a man moved. "All right, my friends," said Bede, "as it makes me hoarse to talk Norwegian for any length of time I'll just address you in English, which you all know and will appreciate as well."—Chicago Chronicle.

Wood as a Food.

The humorists are right, and the newest breakfast food is indeed wood, pure and simple. An inmate of an English workhouse has taken to consuming wood as food, and the erudite English physicians observe that there is really no reason why, if the necessity should arise, wood should not be employed as a regular source of food, since it consists chiefly of cellular fiber, which, with suitable chemical treatment, may be converted into sugar. But unprepared wood can have no value as food for the human organism, inasmuch as the digestive juices are not able to deal with it. A certain amount of woody fiber is thought to be digested by the horse, by reason of the presence of a peculiar digestive secretion in his digestive canal which is able to convert cellular tissue into sugar. In the same way wornout shirts and collars could be converted into food.

Good Points of Jersey Cow.

The Jersey cow is a small animal, and therefore her maintenance ration is small, while a relatively large part of her food goes to profit. She is a persistent milker, often a perpetual milker, and ordinarily not dry more than six or eight weeks in a year. She has an extremely long period of usefulness in the dairy. Five years covers the profitable work of the average cow. The Jersey is fifteen years old. Many are profitable when eighteen to twenty-one years of age.—Farmer for March.

STUDIES OLD TURQUOISE MINES.

Prof. Petrie Carrying On Work of Great Interest.

The goddess of turquoise and the turquoise mines in old Arabia are the things Prof. Petrie, the English archaeologist, has been studying. As a member of a scientific exploring party he spent several months among the mountain ranges of the Sinai district of old Arabia, on a stretch of level ground some 2,300 feet above sea level. There they pitched their tents, accompanied by thirty workmen and the native chief of the district. At the top levels was the sandstone in which were caverns worked by parties of ancient Egyptians for turquoise. Some tablets still remaining showed that those parties were carefully selected and carried on their labors systematically. Here, in this desert region, to which supplies of food and water had to be brought from a long distance, the men mined in companies of 500 or 600. The usual time for the search was from December to March. One expedition had conveyed to it daily something like five tons of food. The caverns themselves were examples of patient industry. The famous temple of the goddess of turquoise to whom the workers did homage, was 250 feet long and contained a range of chambers or courts. From one of the tablets it appeared that a certain expedition went out of the recognized season. But its labors were successful and were therefore duly acknowledged with great gratitude to the patron goddess. Of the ancient inscriptions 250 have been copied. They have an important bearing on the age of the turquoise expeditions, long before the birth of Christ, as well as on the Semitic form of worship in vogue before the establishment of Judaism.

RUSSIAN SEERESS IN TROUBLE.



Agafya Pastukhin.

Agafya Pastukhin, a gypsy prophetess of Russia, was recently sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment for predicting that the Czar would come to a violent end. The seeress was much beloved by the peasantry of Kharkoff, who have petitioned for her release.

Brain Must Be Kept Active.

Just as we use our muscles if we wish to retain their strength, so likewise must we continue to use the brain in order to preserve it in working order. Use brings blood to the organ, and so its nutrition is kept up and its healthy state is retained. As a result of this it may be said that, as a rule, professional men, or judges, or legislators, whose minds are continually active, live longer than those who retire from business at an early age and have no occupation to employ their leisure.

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